

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
USSN 10/726,587
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REMARKS

Claims 9-13 are all the claims pending in the application.

The specification has been amended to provide appropriate headings for the various sections of the application. The paragraph spanning pages 3 and 4 has been deleted to overcome the objection noted by the Examiner. The Abstract of the Disclosure has also been amended delete the second paragraph referring to a specific figure.

In the last Office Action Claims 1-4 inclusive were objected to because of informalities and rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1-6 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dumser in view of Shifflett et al. Claims 1-6 and 8 were further rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bender in view of Shifflett et al. Claim 7 was indicated as being directed to allowable subject matter.

Claims 1-8 inclusive have been canceled without prejudice in order to advance the prosecution of the present application and new Claims 9-13 inclusive have been substituted therefore. Reconsideration and allowance of Claims 9-13 inclusive are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

New Claim 9 is a combination of original Claim 5 and allowable Claim 7. Therefore Claim now is clearly allowable. New Claim 10 is dependent from Claim 9 and incorporates the limitation of original Claim 6. New Claim 11 is dependent from Claim 9 and incorporates the limitations of original Claim 8. New Claim 12 is dependent from Claim 11 and incorporates the

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limitations of original Claim 3. New Claim 13 is dependent from Claim 9 and incorporates the limitations of original Claim 4. Since Claims 10-13 inclusive are all dependent from allowable Claim 9 it is respectfully requested that Claims 9-13 inclusive be allowed and the application passed to issue forthwith.

If for any reason the Examiner is unable to allow the application on the next Office Action and feels that an interview would be helpful to resolve any remaining issue, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the purpose of arranging such an interview.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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